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SUBJ: SOVIET ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EMBASSY EMPLOYEES

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1. MFA OFFICIAL (TRIFONOV) CITED FOLLOWING TWO CASES IN HIS OCT 25 STATEMENT (REFTEL) CRITICIZING ALLEGED "INHUMANE ACTIONS" BY EMBASSY OFFICERS AGAINST MENTALLY-ILL SOVIET CITIZENS.

2. V.I. KORBUKOV: ACCORDING EMBASSY RECORD, FACTS ARE THAT SUBJECT APPEARED AT MARINE DESK ON NINTH FLOOR OF CHANCERY ABOUT 0900 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29. CONSOFF WAS CALLED AND SUBJECT EXPLAINED HE WAS AMCIT AND WISHED TO GO TO US. SAID HE OBTAINED US CITIZENSHIP FROM "AMBASSADOR IN 1964." ENSUING HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW NEAR MARINE DESK ESTABLISHED THAT KORBUKOV WAS THIRTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD RUSSIAN WORKER, HAD BEEN RELEASED SEVERAL TIMES FROM JOBS IN RECENT MONTHS, FELT HIS CO-WORKERS WANTED TO "KILL" HIM, AND HAD NO CLAIM WHATSOEVER TO US CITIZENSHIP. CONCLUDING THAT SUBJECT WAS PROBABLY MENTALLY ILL, CONSOFF CONDUCTED HIM TO COURTYARD FROM WHERE HE AGREED TO LEAVE VOLUNTARILY. CONSOFF LAST SAW KORBUKOV WALKING TOWARDS NORTH ARCHWAY.

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3. AT ABOUT 1900 SAME DAY MARINE GUARDS FOUND RUSSIAN-

SPEAKING PERSON HIDING IN EMBASSY FURNACE ROOM. SECURITY AND DUTY OFFICERS WERE SUMMONED AND IDENTIFIED KORBUKOV. APPARENTLY, INSTEAD OF LEAVING EMBASSY IN MORNING, HE HAD SLIPPED UNNOTICED INTO FURNACE ROOM WHERE HE SPENT DAY. TOLD THAT HE MUST LEAVE EMBASSY PREMISES, KORBUKOV THEN EXPRESSED FEAR OF MILITIAMEN (THREE WERE THEN POSTED AT NORTH ARCHWAY) AND IT WAS DECIDED TO DRIVE HIM OFF PREMISES. HE WAS SEEN BEING DETAINED SECONDS AFTER LEAVING DUTY OFFICER'S CAR SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY.

4. I.A. KALUGIN: EMBASSY REPORTED "WALK-IN" OF THIS TWENTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD SELF-DESCRIBED JOURNALIST IN MOSCOW 4065 AND 4044.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT ON SOVIET ALLEGATIONS:

A) KORBUKOV: EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHEN OR HOW KORBUKOV ENTERED EMBASSY PREMISES. IT IS POSSIBLE, AS SOVIET STATEMENT ALLEGES, HE CRAWLED OVER WALL ABOUT 0200 SEPTEMBER 29. AT MOST KORBUKOV SPOKE TO EMBOFFS TOTAL OF ONE TO TWO HOURS. HE SEEMED IN NO GREATER NEED OF MEDICAL AID AT DEPARTURE THAN AT HIS FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH CONSOFF IN MORNING. EMBASSY HAS NO RECORD OF 1964 VISIT BY KORBUKOV.

B) KALUGIN: SUBJECT WAS IN CONSULAR SECTION SOMEWHAT OVER FIVE HOURS. (NB: PRESUMABLY CONSULAR LOCAL EMPLOYEES MADE RECORD OF ARRIVAL TIME.) CONSOFFS AND SY OFICER INTIALLY INTERVIEWED HIM BETWEEN ONE AND TWO HOURS TO DETERMINE HIS BACKGROUND, WHY HE HAD COME TO EMBASSY, ETC. CONSOFF REMOVED POCKET KNIFE FROM SUBJECT DURING INTERVIEW. WHEN SUBJECT THREATENED TO STAY IN EMBASSY UNTIL FORCIBLY EJECTED, HE WAS TOLDD HE COULD DESCRIBE HIS PROBLEMS (NAMELY, REAL OR IMAGINED PERSECUTION BY KGB) IF HE WISHED IN WRITTEN STATEMENT. HE CHOSE TO DO SO. AFTER EMBASSY COB, SELECTED EMBOFFS VISITED KALUGIN IN CONS WAITING ROOM TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO LEAVE VOLUNTARILY. AT 2054 HE AGREED AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF TO NORTH ARCHWAY, WHERE HE WAS MET BY MILITIAMEN  
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WHO LED HIM AWAY. TO OUR BEST RECOLLECTION KALUGIN DID NOT COMPLETE ANY QUESTIONNAIRES OR STATEMENTS OTHER THAN DESCRIBED ABOVE DURING HIS STAY.

6. REASON FOR SOVIET STATEMENT: TRIFONOV HANDED OVER STATEMENT CRITICIZING EMBOFFS JUST AFTER CONSOFFS COMPLAINED TO MFA ABOUT BEHAVIOR SOVIET OFFICIALS TOWARDS EMBASSY MARINES IN CUSTOMS MATTERS. APART FROM THIS

TACTICAL CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, MFA PRESUMABLY RAISED MATTER BECAUSE "COMPETENT ORGANS" RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING EMBASSY SCENE ARE PROBABLY GENUINELY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION ON LENGTHY STAY OF KORBAKOV AND KALUGIN. FOR EXAMPLE, THEY PROBABLY FIND DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT KORBUKOV IN FACT HID IN COMPOUND MOST OF EIGHTEEN HOURS. IT IS UNLIKELY EITHER VISITOR, BEING MENTALLY ILL TO SOME DEGREE, PROVIDED DESCRIPTION OF STAY WHICH WHICH SATISFIED AUTHORITIES. BY BRINGING COMPLAINT TO EMBASSY'S ATTENTION, SOVIETS MAY HOPE TO ELICIT DETAILS OF SOVIETS' VISITS. EMBASSY ALSO DOES NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT KORBUKOV, KALUGIN OR POSSIBLY "RED CHRISTIAN," (MOSCOW 0488) MAY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO EMBASSY TO FERRET OUT EMBASSY PROCEDURES IN "WALK-IN" CASES.

7. SUGGESTED REPLY: WITH DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE, EMBASSY PROPOSES BRIEF "NON-PAPER" REPLY WHICH WOULD REJECT MAIN ALLEGATION OF INHUMANE TREATMENT OF MENTALLY-ILL SOVIETS BY EMBOFF INTERROGATIONS. REPLY WOULD INDICATED KORBUKOV INSISTED HE WAS AMCIT, A MATTER WHICH HAD TO BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED, AND SUBSEQUENTLY CONCEALED SELF IN EMBASSY COMPOUND. IT WOULD POINT OUT KALUGIN VISITED EMBASSY TO SPEAK TO CONSOFFS AND STAYED TO WRITE STATEMENT. LENGTHY STAY BOTH SOVIETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THEIR OVERRIDING FEAR OF PUNISHMENT BY MILITIAMEN AND SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR VISITING AMEMBASSY, PHENOMENON WE HAVE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE. BOTH SOVIETS WERE FINALLY PERSUADED TO LEAVE PEACEFULLY. IN CONCLUSION EMBASSY WOULD EXPRESS HOPE THAT KORBUKOV AND KALUGIN, WHO MAY BE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, WILL NOT BE PUNISHED FOR PROTRACTED EMBASSY VISITS. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE REPLY DELIVERED TO MFA USA DIVISION, HOPEFULLY CONCLUDING MATTER.

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